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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tadamitsu MIYAWAKI et al.

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Application No.: 09/388,935

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For: CONTENTS DISTRIBUTION METHOD AND SYSTEM

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Applicants have enclosed formal drawings with this Amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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Please cancel claims 2, 3, 9 and 10 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 1 and 7 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A contents distribution method for distributing digitized contents to plural users, comprising the steps of:  
encrypting and distributing contents to the plural users;